

REMARKS

Claims 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 31-36, 41 and 42 are pending.

Claims 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 31 and 33-35 are currently amended to correct various informalities.

No new matter is added.

Claims 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 31-36, 41 and 42 are presented for reconsideration.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

Claims 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner asserts the phrase "of pharmaceuticals or" renders the claim indefinite. As suggested by the Examiner, the phrase "of pharmaceuticals or" is deleted from claim 18.

The Examiner asserts the phrase "further comprising reducing the indolone moiety in the compound of said formula II in the presence of a complex hydride" at the end of claim 18 is contradictive to the preamble. As suggested by the Examiner, the phrase "further comprising reducing the indolone moiety in the compound of said formula II in the presence of a complex hydride" is deleted from claim 18 and added to claim 19.

The Applicants therefore aver that the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejections are addressed and overcome.

Claim Objections

Claim 24 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of the previous claim. Claim 24 is dependent from claim 22, which is dependent from claim 21, which is dependent from claim 18. Formula (XII) does not arise from claim 18, but from claim 19. Accordingly, claim 21 is currently amended to depend from claim 19.

Claims 18, 19, 21-22, 24, 31, and 33-35 are objected to because of the following informalities: Said claims lack proper preambles and consistency. As suggested by the Examiner, claims 22, 24, 31 and 33-35 are currently amended to be consistent and to have proper preambles.

The Applicants therefore aver that the claim objections are addressed and overcome.

Allowable Subject Matter/Allowed Claims

Claims 32, 36, 41 and 42 are currently allowed.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present objections and rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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